



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Ashvin Desai

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For: Secure Stent For Maintaining A Lumenal Opening

**AMENDMENT**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 16, 2004, Applicant requests that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.